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I. Introduction:

The California Birth Defects Monitoring Program (CBDMP) in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs is doing a feasibility study to determine if all children born to Gulf War participants can be identified and if congenital anomalies diagnosed during the first year of life can be identified as well. It took the CBDMP one year, until June 1997, to obtain clearance from the Army HSRRB.

II. Body:

In the period between June 1, 1997 and May 31, 1998, The CBDMP obtained Army HSRRB approval and had gone back and forth with the Defense Data Manpower Center in Monterey, California in order to obtain the current tapes it needs to begin this project. The latest version of the tapes was received in early June, 1998.

CBDMP has no data to present.

III. Conclusions:
None yet

IV. Personnel on Project:
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